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TAGS: SHUM, EFIN, RP

SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS: U.S. VOTE ON IBRD LOAN TO PHILIPPINES

REF: (A) STATE 109459; (B) STATE 107525

1. REF A RECEIVED HERE MAY 14 AT 7:22 A.M. MANILA TIME, ONLY FOUR HOURS PRIOR REF B. I SHALL CONTACT FINANCE SECRETARY CESAR VIRATA THIS WEEKEND AND ADVISE HIM AS FOLLOWS: "I HAVE BEEN ASKED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING THE POSITION THE UNITED STATES SHOULD TAKE CONCERNING THE \$15 MILLION IBRD RURAL DEVELOPMENT LOAN TO THE PHILIPPINES NOW SCHEDULED TO COME UP FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE WORLD BANK BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON MAY 17. AS YOU KNOW CONSIDERATION OF THAT LOAN PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED FOR MAY 12 HAD BEEN POSTPONED OWING TO CONCERN REGARDING PUBLIC REPORTS ABOUT ALLEGED TORTURE OF MRS. TRINIDAD HERRERA (GERILLA).

"YOU ARE AWARE OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENT THAT HE BELIEVES THE UNITED STATES SHOULD USE ITS VOICE AND ITS VOTE IN THE INTERNATIONAL LENDING INSTITUTIONS TO PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS.

"I AM PREPARED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE U.S. EXECUTIVE  
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DIRECTOR BE INSTRUCTED TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE LOAN -- BECAUSE THE GOP THUS FAR REPEAT THUS FAR HAS MOVED EXPEDITIOUSLY TO LAUNCH AN INVESTIGATION OF THE HERRERA CASE, HAS RELEASED HER TO THE GUARANTEE OF HER ATTORNEY, AND HAS ANNOUNCED THE COURT MARTIAL OF AT LEAST ONE OFFICER, AND --ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE GOP WILL PURSUE THIS CASE VIGOROUSLY, THOROUGHLY AND DECISIVELY,

TO PUNISH ALL REPEAT ALL  
CONCERNED, SPECIFICALLY NOT LIMITING THE INVESTIGATION  
ONLY TO ONE OR EVEN TO A FEW LOW LEVEL PERSONS DIRECTLY  
INVOLVED, AND THEREBY DEMONSTRATE THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES  
AND INTERNATIONALLY THAT SUCH PRACTICES ARE UNACCEPTABLE.

"I AM CONFIDENT THAT ON THIS BASIS THAT MY RECOMMENDATION  
WILL BE ACCEPTED.

"AT THE MEETING ON MAY 17, I WOULD EXPECT THE UNITED  
STATES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NOTE THE REPORT  
OF A DISTRESSING RECENT INCIDENT THAT HAS BEEN  
WIDELY PUBLICIZED BUT POINT OUT THAT THE PHILIPPINE  
GOVERNMENT HAS ORDERED A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION, A STEP  
WHICH WE FIND ENCOURAGING AND WHICH WE WILL BE FOLLOWING  
CLOSELY. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WOULD STATE THAT USG  
IS TAKING HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS INTO ACCOUNT IN  
EXAMINING LOAN PROPOSALS AND THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO  
FOLLOW HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS CLOSELY IN ALL  
COUNTRIES BUT THAT OUR DECISIONS WILL TAKE ACCOUNT OF  
GENERAL TRENDS AS WELL AS SPECIFIC INCIDENTS."

2. COMMENT: MY OWN REACTION TO THE PROPOSED U.S.  
POSITION IS IMPLICIT IN THE ACTION TAKEN HERE AS  
INDICATED ABOVE AND CAN BE SUMMARIZED AS "RIGHT ON\*"  
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